



8763
1614

Docket No. MCP-284

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

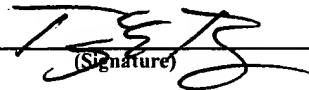
Applicants : SZYMCZAK et al.
Serial No. : 09/966,441
Filed : 09/28/2001
Title : SIMETHICONE SOLID ORAL DOSAGE FORM

Art Unit : 1614
Examiner : Kwon, Brian Yong S.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the
United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed
to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

January 18, 2005
(Date of Deposit)

Timothy E. Tracy
(Name of applicant, assignee, or Registered Representative)


(Signature)

January 18, 2005
(Date of Signature)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
INCLUDING AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

The shortened statutory time for responding to the July 15, 2003 Office Action expired on October 15, 2002. Accordingly, a petition for a three-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith. With this extension, this response is timely filed upon mailing with an executed Certificate of Mailing on or before January 18, 2005, as January 15-17, 2005 fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal Holiday. 37 CFR §§ 1.7 and 1.8.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☒ **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.